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- täpsustab seitset UCSi kodeerimisskeemi: UTF-8, UTF-16, UTF-16BE, UTF-16LE, UTF-32, UTF-32BE ja UTF-32LE;
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This edition includes the following significant changes with respect to the previous edition:

- new scripts covered: Chorasmian, Dives Akuru, Dogra, Elymaic, Gunjala Gondi, Hanifi Rohingya, Khitan Small Script, Makasar, Medefaidrin, Nandinagari, Nyiakeng Puachue Hmong, Old Sogdian, Sogdian, Yezidi, Wancho;
- existing scripts significantly extended: Georgian, CJK Unified Ideographs (Extension G);
- new symbol sets: Chess Symbols, Symbols for Legacy Computing;
- new set of Emoji symbols.

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## Introduction

This document specifies the Universal Coded Character Set (UCS). It is applicable to the representation, transmission, interchange, processing, storage, input and presentation of the written form of the languages of the world as well as additional symbols.

By defining a consistent way of encoding multilingual text it enables the exchange of data internationally. The information technology industry gains data stability, greater global interoperability and data interchange. This International Standard has been widely adopted in new Internet protocols and implemented in modern operating systems and computer languages. This edition covers over 130 000 characters from the world's scripts.

The UCS is an encoding system different from that specified in ISO/IEC 2022. The method to designate UCS from ISO/IEC 2022 is specified in 13.2.

A graphic character will be assigned only one code point in the standard, located either in the BMP or in one of the supplementary planes.

# Information technology — Universal Coded Character Set (UCS)

## 1 Scope

This document

- specifies the architecture of the UCS;
- defines terms used for the UCS;
- describes the general structure of the UCS codespace;
- specifies the assigned planes of the UCS: the Basic Multilingual Plane (BMP) of the UCS, the Supplementary Multilingual Plane (SMP), the Supplementary Ideographic Plane (SIP), the Tertiary Ideographic Plane (TIP), and the Supplementary Special-purpose Plane (SSP);
- defines a set of graphic characters used in scripts and the written form of languages on a world-wide scale;
- specifies the names for the graphic characters and format characters of the BMP, SMP, SIP, TIP, SSP and their coded representations within the UCS codespace;
- specifies the coded representations for control characters and private use characters;
- specifies three encoding forms of the UCS: UTF-8, UTF-16, and UTF-32;
- specifies seven encoding schemes of the UCS: UTF-8, UTF-16, UTF-16BE, UTF-16LE, UTF-32, UTF-32BE, and UTF-32LE;
- specifies the management of future additions to this coded character set.

NOTE The determination of suitability of these characters for use as identifiers in programming languages is not specified by this document but can be found in an external reference. See Annex U.

## 2 Normative references

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ISO/IEC 2022 *Information technology — Character code structure and extension techniques*

ISO/IEC 6429 *Information technology — Control functions for coded character sets*

Unicode Standard Annex, UAX #9, *The Unicode Bidirectional Algorithm*:

<http://www.unicode.org/reports/tr9/tr9-42.html>

Unicode Standard Annex, UAX #15, *Unicode Normalization Forms*:

<http://www.unicode.org/reports/tr15/tr15-50.html>

Unicode Technical Standard, UTS #37, *Ideographic Variation Database*:

<http://www.unicode.org/reports/tr37/tr37-12.html>

Unicode Standard Version 13.0, *Chapter 4, Character Properties*

<http://www.unicode.org/versions/Unicode13.0.0/ch04.pdf>

*Section 4.3, Combining Classes – Normative*

*Section 4.5, General Category – Normative*

*Section 4.7, Bidi Mirrored – Normative*

Unicode Standard Version 12.1, *Age Property*:

<https://www.unicode.org/Public/13.0.0/ucd/DerivedAge.txt>

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